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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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In the above-referenced patent application, please enter the following amendment and consider the application in view of the amendment and remarks set forth below.

I. Amendment

A. In the Claims

Please add the new claims set forth below:

5. A method for making thematically-shaped packaging for an article marketed in combination therewith, the method including the steps of:

constructing essentially a replica of a symbol having a shape that is suggestive of an activity, the replica having a hollow within an exterior to form packaging for an article and

locating the article within the hollow of the replica, the article being useful in connection with the activity suggested by the shape to form thematically-shaped packaging for the article marketed in combination therewith.

6. The method of claim 5, wherein the step of constructing includes: constructing a replica of a golf ball such that the shape is suggestive of the activity of a game of golf; and wherein the step of locating the article within the

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